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DETECTIVE COMICS

BATMAN

With **ROBIN** THE BOY WONDER

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HELLO...?
POLICE COMMISSIONER
GORDON...? YES--
BATMAN AND **ROBIN**
WILL BE RIGHT OVER...

DOA--
DEAD ON
ARRIVAL!

INFANTINO
GIELLA

"CASE
OF THE
ABBREVIATED
BATMAN"

IF YOU THINK THIS STANDS FOR
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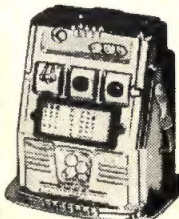
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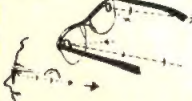


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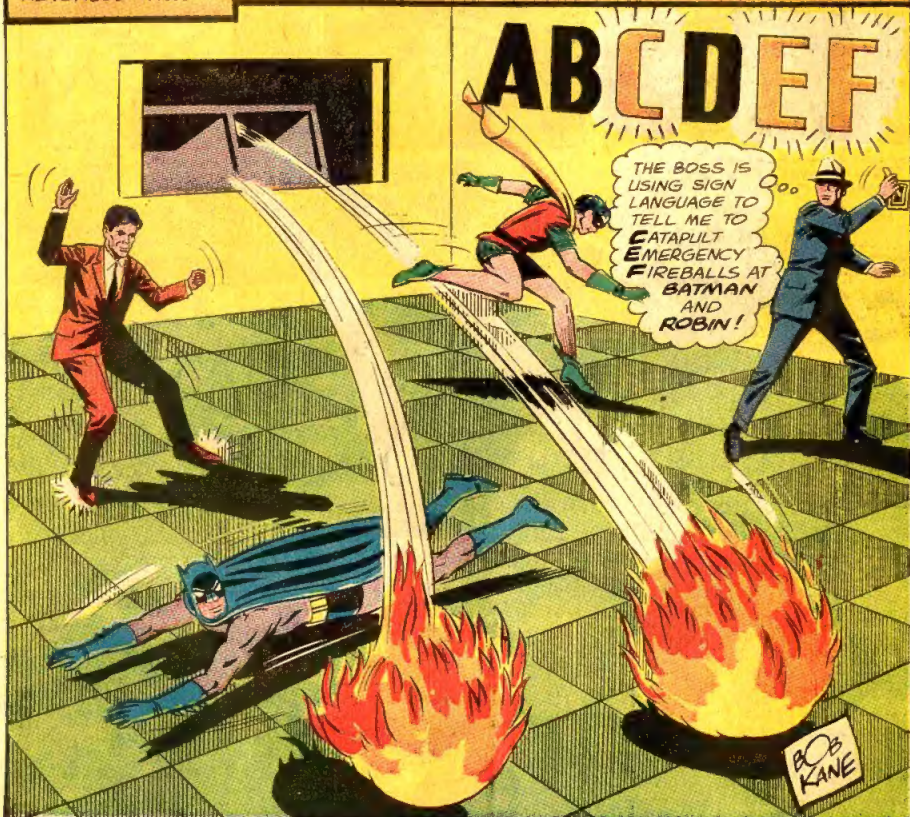
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YOU'D THINK THAT AFTER ALL THIS TIME CRIMINALS WOULD STEER CLEAR OF GOTHAM CITY AND ITS PEERLESS PAIR OF GANG-BUSTERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN! BUT NO--THERE'S ALWAYS SOME ENTERPRISING CRIMINAL-MASTERMIND WHO'S SURE HE'S DEvised THE ONE FOOLPROOF METHOD TO FOIL THE DYNAMIC DUO! IN THE SPOT-LIGHT THIS TIME IS GUNSHY BARTON WITH A GIMMICK THAT WILL BE REVEALED IN...

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With **ROBIN** THE BOY WONDER

THE CASE OF THE ABBREVIATED BATMAN!



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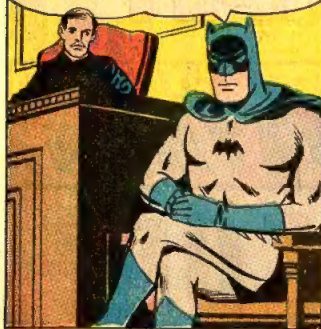
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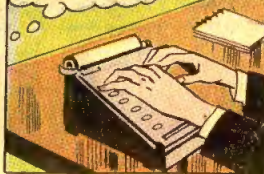
ALL EYES IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS SECTION OF SPECIAL SESSIONS ARE FASTENED ON A GRIMLY CLAD WITNESS...

I WAS OUT ON PATROL, TESTING A NEW INVENTION OF MINE--A **SEISMOKON**-- WHEN IT PICKED UP THE SOUND OF AN EXPLOSION...



ALL EYES, THAT IS, BUT A CERTAIN PAIR THAT GAZE INTENTLY ON THE COURT STENOGRAPHER WHOSE FINGERS RAPIDLY MOVE BACK AND FORTH ON A **STENOTYPER**...

HE'S TAKING DOWN EVERYTHING THAT'S BEING SAID--IN **ABBREVIATED LANGUAGE**! IF ONLY I COULD HAVE TALKED THAT WAY, I WOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE TRIED FOR BURGLARY!



THIS IS **GUNSHY BARTON**-- SO-CALLED BECAUSE HE IS DEATHLY AFRAID OF FIREARMS...

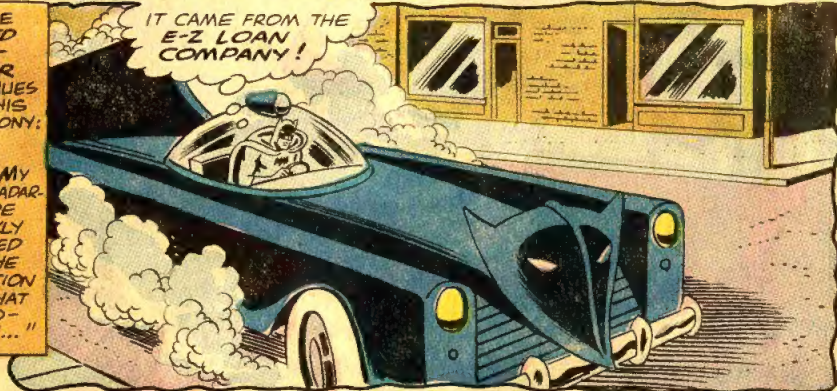
IT'S TOO LATE NOW-- BUT **BATMAN** WOULDN'T BE TESTIFYING AGAINST ME--IF I'D USED AN ABBREVIATED LANGUAGE ONLY ME AND MY BOYS COULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD!



AS THE **CAPED CRUISADER** CONTINUES WITH HIS TESTIMONY:

"MY **RADAR SCOPE** QUICKLY PICKED UP THE DIRECTION OF THAT EXPLOSION..."

IT CAME FROM THE **E-Z LOAN COMPANY**!



MOMENTS LATER I WAS SLAMMING INTO THE **LOAN COMPANY OFFICE**...

YIII! IT'S **BATMAN**!

DON'T PANIC! SPLIT UP-- MAKE HIM COME AT YOU ONE BY ONE!



"I HEARD BARTON SHOUT HIS ORDERS! FORE-WARNED WAS FORE-ARMED, SO..."

BLACKJACK HIM, BENNY!

GOT TO ACT FAST-- PREVENT ONE THUG FROM HITTING ME WHILE I'M HANDLING THE OTHER!

"I EXPLODED A SHOULDER INTO THE CROOK BEFORE THE SAFE, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY..."

WHUPP!

KLANX

"GUNSHY BARTON AND HIS REMAINING HOODLUM LEGGED IT OUT OF THE BUILDING INTO AN ALLEYWAY..."

RUN LIKE SIXTY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO A STRETCH!

"THE WASTEBASKET HELD OFF THE BLACKJACK ARTIST FOR ONLY A FEW SECONDS..."

YOU'RE MINE, BATMAN-- ALL MINE!

"I GRIPPED THE SAFE DOOR THE CROOKS HAD BLOWN OFF AND..."

THAT'LL HOLD YOU WHILE I BRING IN YOUR BOSS!

"BARTON HAD A HEAD START BUT I WAS SOON HOT ON HIS TRAIL..."

HERE HE COMES, BOSS--RUNNING LIKE SIXTY--PLUS!

DON'T "GO SIMPLE" ON ME! THROW THE "SOUP"!

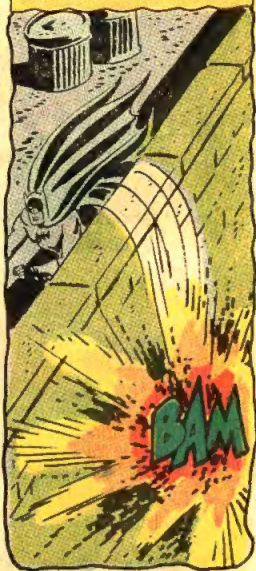


"I UNDERSTOOD THE UNDERWORLD SLANG BARTON WAS TALKING-- SO I HAD MY NEXT WARNING..."

HE'S THROWING THE LIQUID EXPLOSIVE THEY USED TO "SOUP" THAT SAFE!



"I DROPPED BEHIND THE BRICK WALL-- JUST IN TIME..."



"I WAS UP AND RUNNING BEFORE THE DEBRIS SETTLED..."

WHATTA I DO NOW, GUNSHY?

BATMAN'S AN EXPERT AT UNDERWORLD LINGO--SO HE KNOWS THE INSTRUCTIONS I KEEP FEEDING THEM! AND HE THINKS FASTER THAN--



"BARTON NEVER FINISHED THAT SENTENCE! I DOVE INTO HIM AND HIS CRONY WITH ALL MY WEIGHT..."

YOU'LL GET A "FIVER" FOR THIS CAPER, GUNSHY!



FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FIVE YEARS, **GUNSHY** BARTON IS CONSOLED BY A SINGLE THOUGHT...

I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME IN HERE TO WORK OUT MY OWN PRIVATE KIND OF ABBREVIATED SPEECH! NEXT TIME, I WON'T BETRAY MY FIGHT PLANS TO **BATMAN**, **Y C B**-- YOU CAN BET!



BEHIND THOSE JAIL WALLS, HE BECOMES A MODEL PRISONER...

GUNSHY SEEMS TO HAVE TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF. ALWAYS READING BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY!

THEY DON'T KNOW I'M STUDYING SPEED-WRITING TO APPLY IT TO SPOKEN WORDS!



I'M WORKING OUT A SURE-FIRE WAY TO GET MY GANG TO DO WHAT I WANT THEM TO DO--WITHOUT TIPPING MY HAND TO THE COPS OR **BATMAN** WHEN AND IF HE CATCHES UP TO ME AGAIN!



PAROLED BECAUSE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR, BARTON LEAVES THE PRISON WALLS BEHIND HIM...

E A S--EVERYTHING'S ALL SET! I'M READY FOR THE BIG TIME WITH MY SPECIAL BRAND OF ABBREVIATED TALK!



WITHIN A MONTH, HE HAS SECRETLY GATHERED A NEW GANG AROUND HIM--AND BEGINS THEIR LESSONS...

MY ABBREVIATED TALK IS LIKE A CODE! MEMORIZE IT--AND YOU'LL ALL BE RICH. NOT ONLY THAT--YOU'LL ENJOY YOUR LOOT WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING CAPTURED! I'LL DO ALL THE THINKING--YOU JUST OBEY MY COMMANDS...



UGH! GET RID OF THAT REVOLVER, **SLUGS**! YOU KNOW I DON'T ALLOW GUNS IN MY PRESENCE!

OKAY, BOSS! I SEE YOU'RE STILL THE SAME OLD **GUNSHY**!



HERE
IN HIS
HIDE-OUT,
BARTON
HAS ALL
THE
ELEMENTS
NEEDED
TO TEACH
HIS
ABBREVIATED
TALK ...

OBSERVE THE MANY LETTERS YOU SEE HUNG ON
THE WALLS. EACH STANDS FOR A WORD! WE
SHALL NOW TAKE UP THE MOST ELEMENTAL
WARNING OF THEM ALL ... **HCB!**

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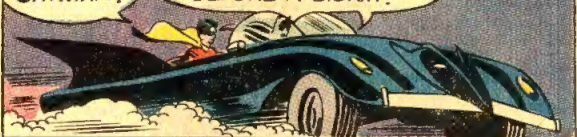
HERE COMES **BATMAN**! HE
IS OUR MOST DANGEROUS
THREAT! WE MUST BE ON
GUARD AGAINST HIM AT ALL
TIMES! YET WHEN I TIP YOU
OFF, ONLY **YOU** WILL KNOW
ITS TRUE MEANING! NOW
FOR THE NEXT COMMAND--

SIAD:
SCATTER
IN ALL
DIRECTIONS..

NOW--LET US PICK UP **BATMAN**, ON ANOTHER NIGHTLY
PATROL. BUT WITH HIM NOW IS **ROBIN**--FOR DURING
THE YEARS **BARTON** WAS IN PRISON, THE **BOY WONDER**
BECAME HIS CRIME-FIGHTING COMPANION ...

ALL QUIET,
BATMAN!

TOO QUIET! LIKE THE LULL
BEFORE A STORM!



HOW RIGHT **BATMAN** IS! FOR AS HE AND **ROBIN** CRUISE
THE **GOTHAM CITY** STREETS, THEY DO NOT REALIZE
HOW SOON THE ABBREVIATION GANG IS ABOUT TO BURST
UPON THE SCENE! **SCOSPF--STORY CONTINUES ON**
5TH PAGE FOLLOWING!

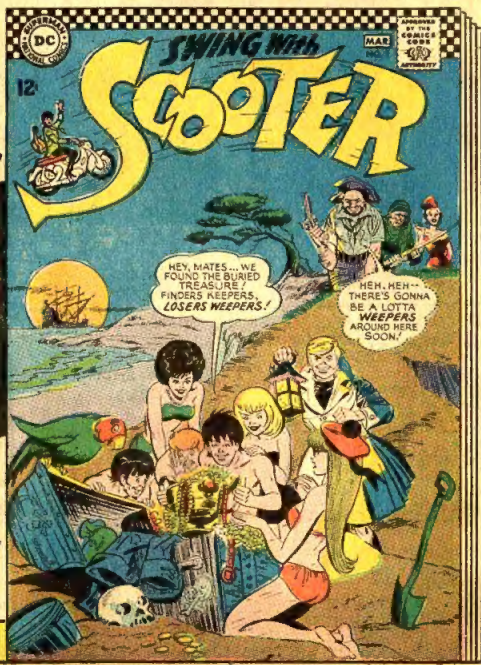
It's **Yo-Ho-Ho** AND A
BOTTLE of
ROOT BEER...

WHEN OUR GEAR GROUP GO
TREASURE HUNTING--
AND A GANG OF
MOD PIRATES GO
SCALP HUNTING for
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Special--

"A DAY in
the LIFE of
SCOOTER!"

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and JOHN
ARE
DREAMING
ABOUT
the CARS
THEY
WOULD LIKE
to OWN.**

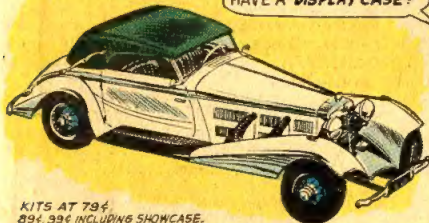
I WANT A 1957 "T" BIRD OR A 1911 BUICK BUG, A 1965 CORVETTE STING RAY, AN ALFA ROMEO P-3 OR A 1916 STUTZ BEARCAT.

I'D LIKE TO HAVE A 1910 STANLEY STEAMER, A 1925 MODEL FORD OR A FERRARI AMERICA 342.



I JUST FINISHED THIS 1939 MERCEDES BENZ 540-K. ALL THE PARTS COME IN THE EXACT COLORS. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAINT THEM.

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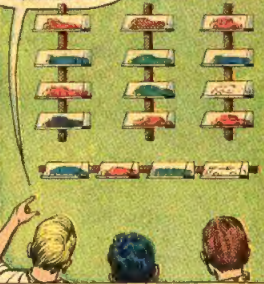
STEVE OVERHEARS THE CONVERSATION.

I'VE GOT 'EM ALL AND A LOT MORE IN MY RENTAL COLLECTOR'S SHOWCASES.



OH, YEAH? SHOW US!

WOW! JUST LIKE THE REAL THING. LOOK AT THE AUTHENTIC DETAILING!



SURE, ALL 24 MODELS DO. AND WITH EVERY FOUR MODELS YOU GET A FREE 16" WALL BRACKET LIKE THIS.



I'M GONNA COLLECT THEM ALL! AND I HEAR RENWAL WILL SOON ADD TO THIS SERIES!

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LT. JEB STUART!
JOHNNY CLOUD!
GUNNER & SARGE
with POOCH!
Mile. MARIE!

WATCH FOR THIS GIANT
BATTLE BARGAIN
ON SALE EVERYWHERE...

ON SALE
DEC. 13



DIRECT CURRENTS

Greetings again! Time to peek into the Old Electrician's fuse box and see what sizzles for the near future. Ah! We have a good selection of electrifying adventures coming up. Here's the line-up...

The February **STRANGE ADVENTURES**, No. 197, features three dazzling weirdies bound to shake you up: "THE EGGS THAT HATCHED ROBOTS," "THE HOSTILE HAMLET," and "ALIEN FOR RENT!" It's on sale Dec. 27.

Why was giving away a medal at EASY COMPANY impossible? You'll find the TNT answer in SGT. ROCK's latest exploit—"ONE MEDAL FOR EASY!" It's in the March **OUR ARMY AT WAR**, No. 178, on sale Jan. 3.

Who was the savage ape-man that first warred against, then joined the rip-roaring **RANGERS**? The shocking solution explodes in the titanic **April issue of TOMAHAWK**, No. 109, which goes on sale Jan. 3.

An Atlantean ogre from eons past... an atomic warhead set to blow up the seas... and the return of the **OCEAN MASTER**! Together, they spell the SEA KING's latest adventure, in **April's AQUAMAN**, No. 32, on sale Jan. 3.

The **NEW BLACKHAWK ERA** reaches a smash climax in the March issue, No. 230, as the **MAGNIFICENT 7** burst out in seven NEW identities, and prove at last that they're not "JUNK-HEAP HEROES!" On sale Jan. 10.

P.T. BOAT SKIPPER CAPT. STORM's wooden leg sticks him into the kind of battle situation he never expected. In the startling tale—"SAVE MY ISLAND!" **April issue**, No. 18, on sale Jan. 10.

THE SPACE CANINE PATROL AGENTS are back... and they look like the only hope to save **SUPERBOY** and **KRYPTO** from a **KRYPTONITE** trap! Can you guess which HOUND will rescue the pair? **March**, No. 136, on sale Jan. 5.

It's a whacky world when **DR. RIGORO MORTIS** and **SUPER-HOOD** menace it—and **ROBBY REED** spins his dial to become... **THE FREAK SUPER-HEROES**—**WHOOZIS**, **WHATIS** and **HOWZIS!** **March HOUSE OF MYSTERY**, No. 165, on sale Jan. 5.

SUPERGIRL's greatest exploits with her super-friends—that's the theme of the **April 80 PAGE GIANT**, No. 347, which hits the newsstands Jan. 10. Don't dare overlook this collection of all-time classics!

You are cordially invited to the wedding of **JIMMY OLSEN** and **LUCY LANE**, in the **100th issue** of the red-haired reporter's mag. It's not an imaginary tale, but a genuine, 24 karat, 100% marriage! **March**—on sale Jan. 12.

Coming up in the **March GREEN LANTERN**, No. 51, on sale Jan. 12—"GREEN LANTERN'S EVIL ALTER EGO"—the arch-villain the **EMERALD CRUSADER** has to defeat—but doesn't DARE to!

Presenting the **SEA ANGELS**, as swingin' a bunch of cats as ever sailed the ocean! They're lovable—but they're ALL TROUBLE! You'll find 'em in the **April SEA DEVILS**, No. 34, on sale Jan. 17.

The mad maids of **KAMP KAREFREE** become teacher's pests at the **LITTLE BO-PEEP SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**—and who are they throwing the book at? Their teacher, **JERRY LEWIS!** **April issue**, No. 99, on sale Jan. 17.

The **TEEN TITANS** start out trying to help some youngsters in a small American town, and wind up in a wild adventure of foreign intrigue! You'll see it all in the **April issue**, No. 8, on sale Jan. 17.

There's **FOWL PLAY** in the **March BATMAN**, No. 190, on sale Jan. 19, when "THE PENGUIN TAKES A FLYER—INTO THE FUTURE" and leads an army of weapon-umbrellas against **BATMAN** and **ROBIN!**

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Billy

WOW! LOOK AT THAT CAR GO.

WHAT FUN!

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LATER...

BILLY. YOUR NEW MATTTEL SWITCH 'N GO TRACK SET IS KEEN. WE'LL COME BACK TOMORROW TO PLAY WITH IT SOME MORE.

HENRY BOLTSHOFF

ALL THE KIDS COME OVER TO PLAY WITH MY NEW SWITCH 'N GO SET. I NEVER GET A CHANCE MYSELF. I'VE GOT TO THINK OF A WAY TO DISCOURAGE THEM.

NEXT DAY...

QUARANTINED
KEEP OUT!

WATCH THOSE SPARKS!
IT'S A SURE WAY OF GETTING A HOT FOOT--OR WORSE!



DC NEEDS YOU ---
HAVE A DURABLE CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HENRY BOLTSHOFF

PEACE ON EARTH

THE ALPHABET AND THE LANGUAGE MAY BE DIFFERENT, BUT THE SAME SENTIMENT DWELLS IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF MEN ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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THIS BEGINS FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS OF **GOTHAM CITY**
A ROBBERY REIGN OF ABBREVIATED ABRACADABRA...

SGTW!*

NTAC!***



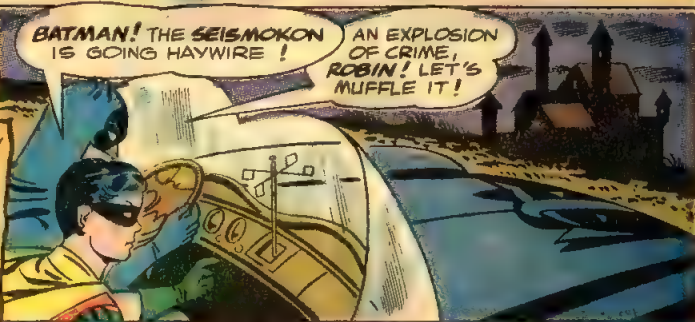
*** SLEEP GAS THE WATCHMAN !**

**** NET THE ARMORED CAR !**

UNABLE TO COPE WITH THESE WELL-TRAINED, SWIFT-STRIKING GANGSTERS, **GOTHAM CITY** WAITS BREATHLESSLY FOR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TO TURN BACK THE TIDAL WAVE OF CRIME ! AND THEN ONE NIGHT AS THE **BATMOBILE** CRUISES THE RIVERSIDE HIGHWAY...

BATMAN! THE SEISMOKON IS GOING HAYWIRE !

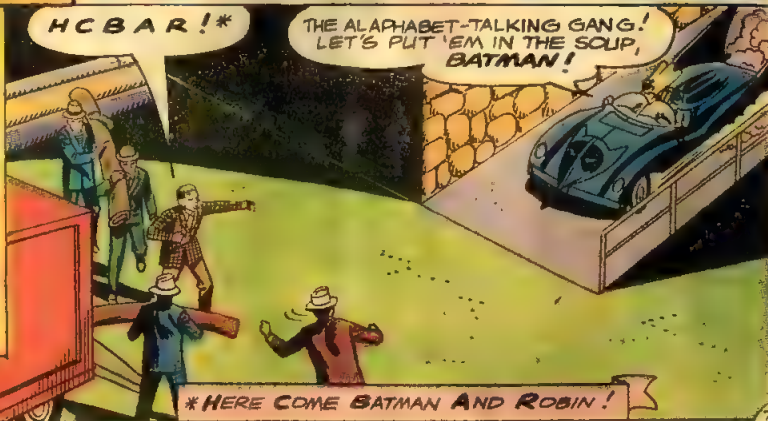
AN EXPLOSION OF CRIME, **ROBIN!** LET'S MUFFLE IT !



FORWARD PARTS THE POWERFUL CAR-- HURTLING DOWN A CONCRETE RAMP-- INTO THE CELLAR OF A MEDIEVAL-TYPE CASTLE BUILT BY MILLIONAIRE ECCENTRIC **TRAVIS TRENT...**

HCBAR!*

THE ALPHABET-TALKING GANG! LET'S PUT 'EM IN THE SOUP, **BATMAN!**



*** HERE COME BATMAN AND ROBIN !**

TJ! I DON'T KNOW WHAT
TJ!* **GUNSHY** IS YELL-
ING BUT IT MAKES
NO DIFFERENCE!

IT DOESN'T,
HEY? GET
READY
FOR YOUR
DOWNFALL,
BATMAN!

***TRY JUDO!**

**STRONGLY MUSCLED HANDS
GRIP THE GLOVED HAND
OF THE CAPED CRUSADER...**

GUNSHY INSISTED
WE ALL BECOME
JUDO EXPERTS
SINCE WE CAN'T
CARRY GUNS!
CAUGHT YOU
BY SURPRISE,
DIDN'T WE?

SO
YOU
DID...
LET'S
SEE IF
I CAN
MATCH
THAT
WITH A
SURPRISE
OF MY OWN!

WITH A SERPENTINE TWIST
OF HIS TRAINED HAND AND
WRIST, THE **MASKED
MANHUNTER** SLIDES
OUT OF THAT CUNNING
HAND-HOLD...

HUH? PULLED OFF
BATMAN'S GLOVE!
HEY, THAT AIN'T FAIR!

SWOOSH!

ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE
AND--JAW! **UHH!**
BROKE MY
FINGERNAIL--!

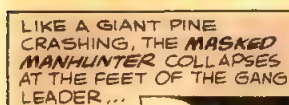
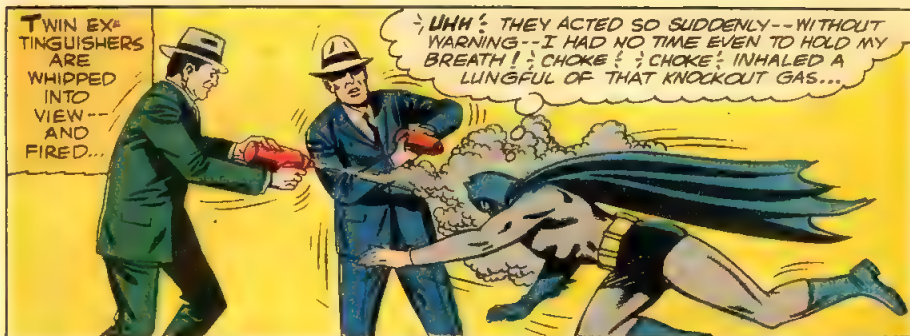
THWOK!

AGAIN AN ORDER IS SHOUTED...

UTE!
UTE!*

A **UTE** IS AN INDIAN BUT
I HAVE RESERVATIONS
ABOUT THAT MEANING!

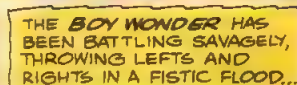
***USE THE EXTINGUISHER!**



NTNAR!*



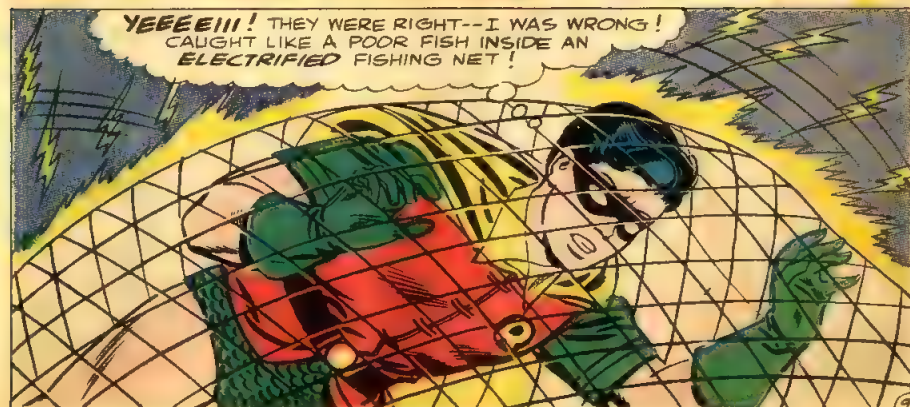
***NOW TO NET A ROBIN!**



**GOT TO ACT FAST--
BEFORE GUNSHY CAN
THINK UP AN ABBREVIATED
WAY TO HANDLE ME!**



***THROW THE NET!**



THE SUDDEN SILENCE OF THE CELLAR IS BROKEN BY THE HARSH CLANGOR OF THE HOT-LINE...

WHAT'S THIS? A TELEPHONE INSIDE THE BAT-MOBILE? I'LL ANSWER THE CALL! IMB!!*

*IT MAY BE IMPORTANT!

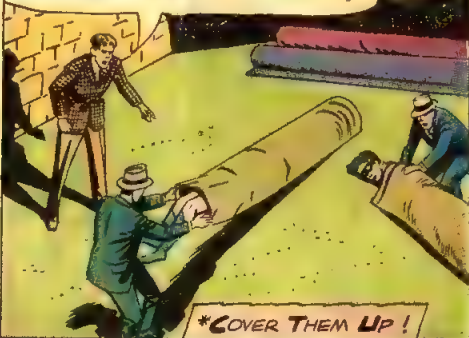
YEAH! THEY'LL BE RIGHT OVER DOA!
HA! HA! HA!

DOA? I GET IT, BOSS--DEAD ON ARRIVAL!!
HA! HA! HA!

HELLO? COMMISSIONER GORDON? YOU WANT BATMAN AND ROBIN? SURE--THEY'LL BE RIGHT OVER!



LTU! *THOSE SILK CARPET COVERS TRAVIS TRENT USED TO PROTECT HIS PRICELESS RUG COLLECTION WILL COME IN HANDY! BATMAN AND ROBIN WON'T BE ABLE TO BREATHE IN THEM!



*COVER THEM UP!

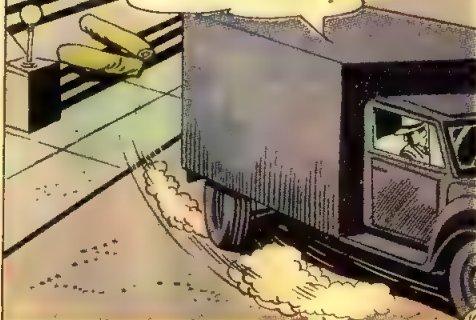
THEY'LL HAVE SUFFOCATED LONG BEFORE THEY REACH THEIR DESTINATION! NOW, BOYS--GG!*



*GET GOING!

HALF AN HOUR LATER, A SPEEDING TRUCK SHOOTS PAST POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND...

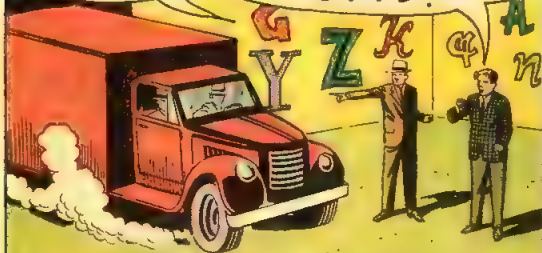
TOO BAD WE CAN'T WAIT AROUND TO SEE THE COPS' FACES WHEN THEY SEE WHAT'S IN THOSE PACKAGES WE DUMPED THERE!



GUNSHY BARTON IN HIS LETTER-ORNAMENTED HIDE-OUT SAVORS THE SWEET TASTE OF SUCCESS AS...

HERE COMES THE TRUCK WITH THE LOOT, BOSS!

RARE CARPETS! HISTORICAL RUGS! FABULOUS WEAVINGS FROM THE ORIENT--ALL MINE!
OTTD!*



*** OPEN THE TRUNK DOORS!**

AS BOLTS ARE UNFASTENED AND HEAVY VAN DOORS FLUNG BACK...

YIIII! IT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN! WE DIDN'T FINISH 'EM AFTER ALL!

TELL US WHAT TO DO, **GUNSHY**--OR THEY'LL FINISH US!



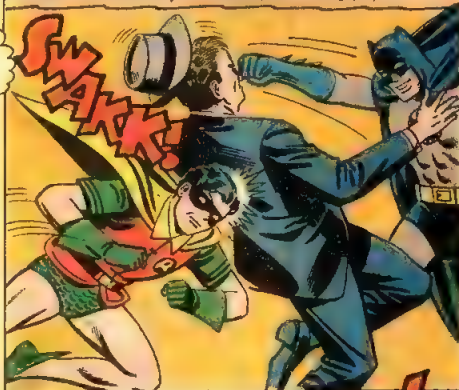
THE GANG LEADER OPENS HIS MOUTH TO SHOUT A COMMAND--BUT WITH A FANFARE OF HOOTS, WHISTLES AND SCREECHES THE UTILITY BELTS ERUPT WITH DEAFENING CLAMORS...

I CAN'T EVEN HEAR MYSELF THINK--LET ALONE TALK!

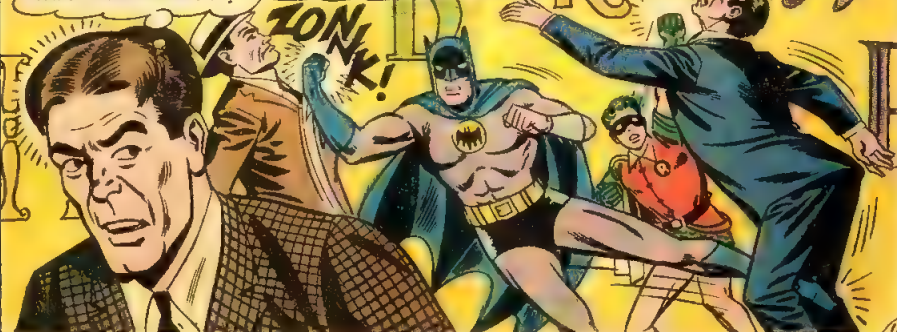
THIS TIME WE CAME PREPARED TO MUFFLE **GUNSHY'S** ABBREVIATED MASTERMINDING!

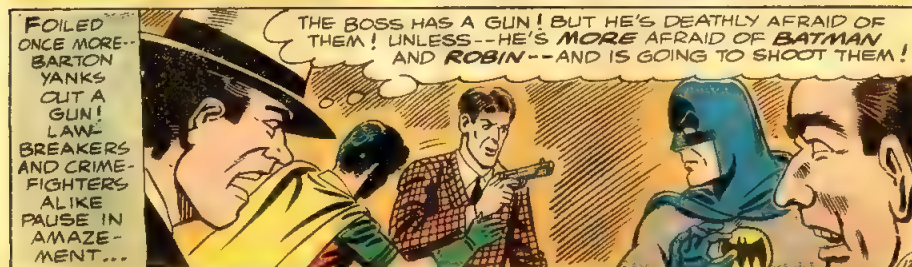
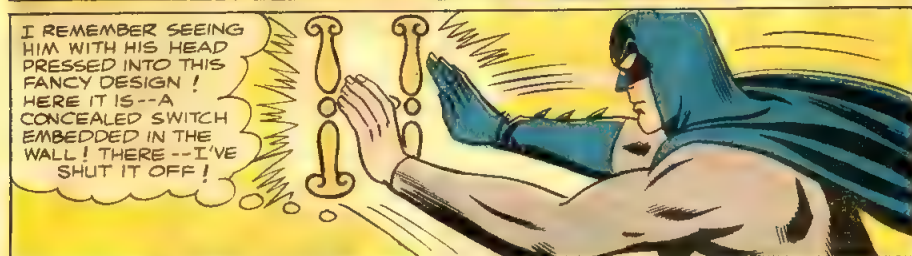
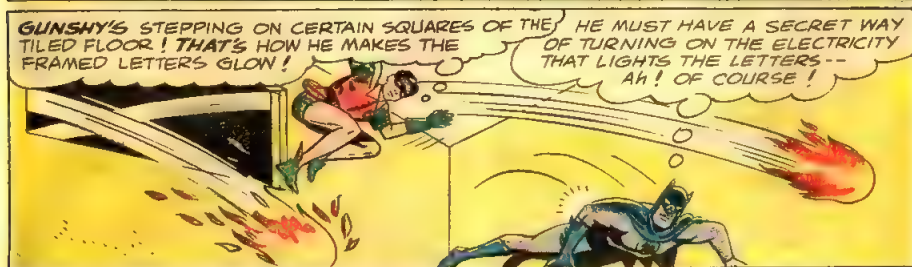
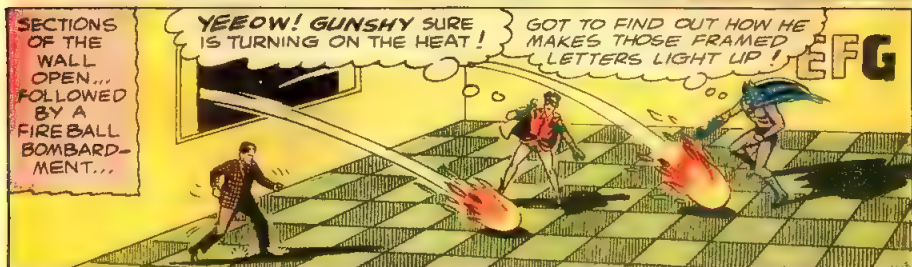
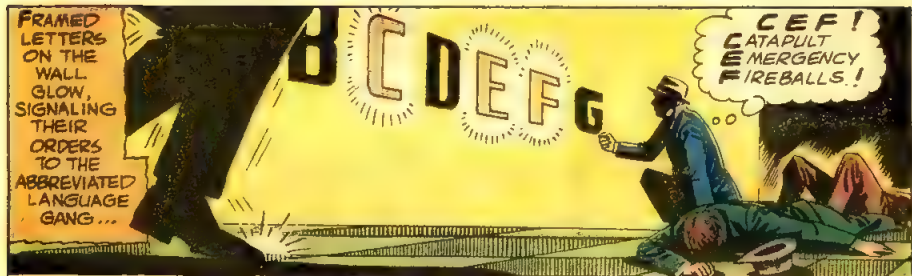


BATMAN AND ROBIN NEED NO COMMUNICATION DEVICES! THEY WORK LIKE A WELL-OILED MACHINE, IN PERFECT UNISON...



I WAS FORESIGHTED ENOUGH NOT TO PUT ALL MY TALKING EGGS IN ONE BASKET! MY SPECIAL LIGHT-ARRANGEMENT WILL FLASH MESSAGES TO THE BOYS--TELLING THEM HOW TO HANDLE THIS EMERGENCY!





BUT INSTEAD OF FIRING AT THE DYNAMIC DUO, GUNSHY TRIGGERS HIS WEAPON TOWARD THE CEILING...



IT'S A CREAM-PUFF GUN--SPELLING OUT THE NEXT COMMAND ON THE CEILING!! BUT I HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT!

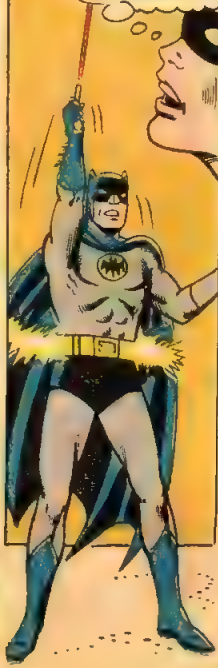


FROM HIS UTILITY BELT, THE COWLED CRU-SADER DRAWS HIS LASER-WEAPON AND...

NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING! BATMAN'S USING A GUN TOO!

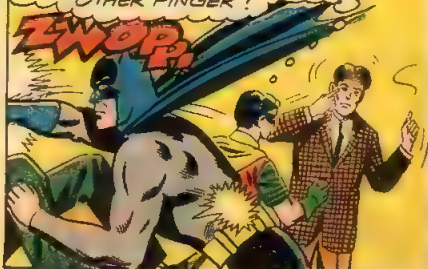


HE'S MELTING THE CREAM-PUFF LETTERS-- SO THEY'LL DRIP DOWN AND BE UNRECOGNIZABLE!



AS THE LAST GANGSTER GOES DOWN BEFORE THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE MASKED MANHUNTER, BARTON FRANTICALLY STARTS PLAYING CHARADES...

HUH? WHAT'S WITH GUNSHY? HE KEEPS POINTING TO HIS EYE WITH ONE FINGER AND MAKING THE LETTER S WITH HIS OTHER FINGER!



I GET IT! GUNSHY CAN'T BE HEARD WITH OUR UTILITY BELTS STILL MAKING ALL THAT NOISE! SO HE'S SIGNALING A MESSAGE TO ME--**IS**!



AS THE DYNAMIC DUO SHUTS OFF THE UTILITY BELT NOISEMAKERS...

OKAY, GUNSHY! I GET THE MESSAGE!**IS**-- MEANING--**"I SURRENDER"**!



LATER, IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE, AFTER BATMAN HAS RELATED THEIR ADVENTURE...

BUT, BATMAN-- YOU SAID YOU WERE TIED UP INSIDE THOSE CARPET COVERS! HOW'D YOU EVER ESCAPE FROM THEM?

I BROKE THIS FINGERNAIL ON A THUG'S JAW--MY GLOVE WAS OFF--AND THE NAIL WAS JAGGED ENOUGH TO RIP OPEN THE SILK CARPET COVER SO WE COULD BREATHE!

I THEN SLIT OPEN ROBIN'S COVERING--AND SINCE WE'RE BOTH EXPERT ESCAPE ARTISTS IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL WE WRIGGLED FREE--STUFFED CARPETS INSIDE THE COVERS WHERE WE'D BEEN--USED CERTAIN GADGETS IN OUR UTILITY BELTS TO MAKE NOISE--MAKERS--AND LET THE VAN DELIVER US TO THE GANG'S HIDE-OUT...

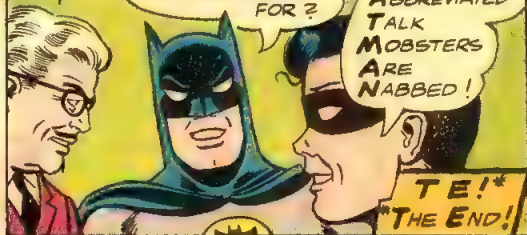
AND IN CONCLUSION, AS GUNSHY BARTON MIGHT SAY... BATMAN!



BATMAN?

I KNOW I'M GOING TO HATE MYSELF FOR ASKING THIS-- BUT WHAT DO THOSE LETTERS STAND FOR?

BARTON'S ABBREVIATED-TALK MOBSTERS ARE NABBED!



TE!* "THE END!"

**TICK-TOCK...
TICK-TOCK...
TICK-TOCK...**

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT
AS EACH CLICK OF
THE CLOCK SIGNALS
THE SEA KING'S DOOM!**

DON'T LET TIME RUN OUT ON YOU! HURRY TO YOUR FAVORITE NEWSSTAND FOR THE LATEST SMASH ISSUE OF...

AQUAMAN!

THUNDERING FROM THE DEEP...
TRYTON THE TERRIBLE!

AQUAMAN

ON SALE JAN. 3rd

SET YOUR WATCHES! 1 HOUR OUT OF WATER--AND AQUAMAN DIES! IS THIS HIS LAST MOMENT OF LIFE?

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BATMAN'S HOT-LINE

DEAR EDITOR:

For the past fifteen minutes I've been sitting here trying to think of a different way to open this letter (to catch your eye, don't you know.) I can't do it, and you're to blame! This letter was originally intended as a protest against some of the things you have done to *Batman* since the advent of the *New Look* (don't breathe a sigh of relief yet, 'cause it still is). Now I can't, however, give you both barrels as I planned, and I reiterate, IT'S YOUR FAULT!

Not being the world's greatest two-finger typist, I kept putting off the chore of this letter. Now, I sit here staring at *Detective* 356, trying to figure out how I can write a critical letter with that issue laughing at me behind my back.

To put it bluntly, "The Inside Story of the Outsider" was magnificent! It had all the hard-hitting action of the *New Look Batman* plus the mystery, suspense, and deduction typical of the *Batman* of the 40's and 50's. I don't have to go into a long dissertation about the artwork. You know it was great and I know it was great, and I never argue with someone who is on my side.

Now for the barrelful of criticism I promised. Lately, in both *Batman* and *Detective*, the stories seem to have a monotonous sameness. The *Dynamic Duo* is doing little more than battle petty crooks or James Bondish criminal organizations. To make matters worse, they are trying to do it with their fists and a few stupid scientific gadgets. *Batman's* utility belt might as well lay on the shelf collecting dust for all the use he's been getting out of it in the last few years. A tear gas capsule is just as effective as a fist, you know.

There are a number of ways the *New Look* can be improved. Vary the stories. Let's see *Batman* fight to save his secret identity. Let's see more romance. Playboy Bruce Wayne is the only super-hero without a steady girlfriend, and he stands out like a grapefruit in a cracker barrel. Finally, soft-pedal Robin's "Holy—!" gags.

Take note of the above suggestions. My advice, like homemade chicken soup, is guaranteed to cure or worsen anything.

—R.L. Thomas, Capron, Ill.

(Our favorite advice "advice" was offered by H.W. Shaw—"Advice is like kissing: It costs nothing and is a pleasant thing to do." On the other hand, Schiller commented that "One can advise comfortably from a safe port." In other words, it's one thing to advise from a reader's sanctuary; but this same reader would look at things differently from an editorial chair when he is under pressure to slant an issue that will have the greatest possible appeal to the buying public. That is what we try to do—knowing full well there'll always be fault-finders.—Editor)

DEAR EDITOR:

Although you probably were pressured into doing it, I say "thumbs down" to the revival of the greatest supporting character who ever lived—Alfred, the butler. Due to the fact that Alfred still "lived" in the TV adaptation of *Batman*, I assume that Alfred had to be reincarnated in the magazine to avoid confusion.

When Alfred sacrificed his life to save his crime-fighting employers, I applauded the extremely fine way in which his death was handled. I guess that all comic-doom removed their hats for one of the greatest uncostumed crime-fighters to have lived . . . and died.

I also applauded the introduction of the mysterious *Outsider*. The fact that a villain, knew *Batman* & *Robin's* secret identities and only used his knowledge to try to murder his enemies—intrigued me, to say the least.

But now, with one fell swoop you utterly ruin two of the greatest characters you ever created. You made a mockery of Alfred's death and also destroyed the supremely weird entity known as the *Outsider* by the absurdly simple explanation that he was Alfred brought back to life! Please, please, stop playing God! Let dead people stay dead!

—Dave Singer, Rochester, N.Y.

(We're leaving it to the next correspondent to cool off Mr. Singer's singeing comments.—Editor)

DEAR EDITOR:

Never, never have I read a story like the "Inside Story of the Outsider". After witnessing the tragic death of Alfred in "Gotham Gang Line-Up", I was sure that only better stories could come from the ruins. However, I missed the warm, cheerful attitude that Alfred gave, an attitude which the prying Aunt Harriet could never replace or imitate. He was the *Man-Friday*, the *Doiby Dickles*, the *Kato* of the *Daring Duo*, and was about as unnecessary as any of the aforementioned. Now that he is back, I rejoice that it couldn't have been done sooner. The story was one of the best *Batman* yarns of the decade. It had one of the most suspenseful starts of all comics and it was enhanced by the 60-minute time limit in *B & R's* lives.

All in all, it should get many an *Alley Award*—and it deserves more.

—Sal Iacopelli, Boonton, N.J.

DEAR EDITOR:

You and all the other editors at DC publish stories along such a well-defined pattern that, while the author and artist of a particular story invariably elude me, it is a simple matter for my meager detective abilities to deduce the editor of a particular comic, without peeking at the title block on the first page, I might add.

Exemplum gratia. Your motif is science. Any story that revolves around a well-explained futuristic device of some sort (such as the molecular regenerator of *Det* 356, to name just one) is most certainly to have come from Julius Schwartz and his staff. Your occasional script writer, Robert Kanigher, likes to utilize the emotional complexities of a hero in a certain situation as the springboard for a story, and he does so effectively. (Witness *Flash* 161, "Case of the Curious Costume," and Mr. K's superb *War Magazines*.) Editor Schiff likes bizarre-looking creatures, which abounded in *Batman* adventures before your tenure.

It should have come as no surprise to me, therefore, that the "Inside Story of the Outsider" utilized such a motif that has become characteristic of your stories. Surprise me it did, however, and for whatever it's worth, I want you to know that I don't like it. And that's putting it mildly.

In the previous *Outsider* adventures, he is portrayed as a vengeful criminal of obvious scientific ability, seeking to exact retribution for having been foiled on some previous occasion. My question is: why wasn't this portrayal continued; or did you see this character as a "vehicle" through which you could revive Alfred? In any event, you ruined both characters by combining the story lines. Alfred should have remained dead—really dead—and the *Outsider* should have been someone other than an aloof, embittered scientist victimized by one of his own creations.

—Bob Butts, South Bend, Ind.

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The ELONGATED Man

STORY BY: GARDNER FOX

ART BY: MURPHY ANDERSON

HOLD IT, YOU **ROCKERS** !
YOU'RE GOING TO STAND
BEFORE A JUDGE FOR
WHAT YOU'VE DONE !

NOT LIKELY,
YANK ! WE'LL
TEACH YOU
COLONISTS
NOT TO
MEDDLE IN
OUR AFFAIRS !



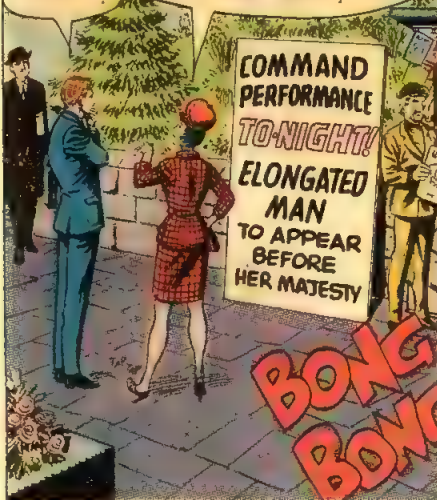
RALPH DIBNY, THE CELEBRATED **ELONGATED MAN**, WAS IN **LONDON** FOR A COMMAND PERFORMANCE BEFORE HER MAJESTY. HIS WIFE SUE THOUGHT SHE WAS ON A VACATION, AWAY FROM "THE NOSE THAT KNOWS" A MYSTERY. BUT **LONDON** TOO HAS ITS STRANGE HAPPENINGS. AND WHEN THE MAN OF A MILLION MYSTERIES IS ON HAND FOR ONE OF THEM, HE FEELS HONOR-BOUND TO TRY AND SOLVE THE CASE OF THE --

LONDON CAPER OF THE ROCKERS AND MODS!

IN PARLIAMENT SQUARE, LONDON, MR. AND MRS. RALPH DIBNY OGLE A POSTER...

MAKES YOU KIND OF TINGLE ALL OVER, DOESN'T IT, HONEY?

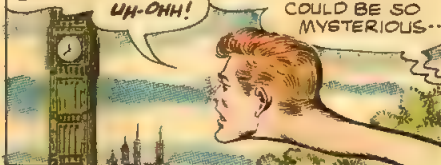
YOU'VE BEEN GAPING AT THAT POSTER FOR HALF AN HOUR-- WHICH LEAVES ME EXACTLY 60 MINUTES TO DRESS AND GET TO THE THEATER FOR THE SHOW!



SEVEN O'CLOCK IT IS BY **BIG BEN** AND--

UH-OHH!

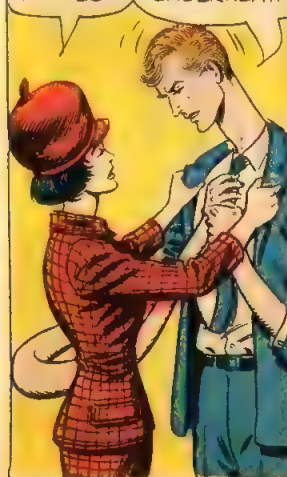
RALPH--CUT IT OUT! NO NOSE TWITCHING NOW-- OF ALL TIMES! WHAT COULD BE SO MYSTERIOUS--



I'M SURE I DON'T KNOW-- AND I'LL GET NO PEACE UNTIL YOU FIND OUT!

SIGH! SO LET ME DO THE VALET BIT AND HELP YOU OFF WITH YOUR CLOTHES--

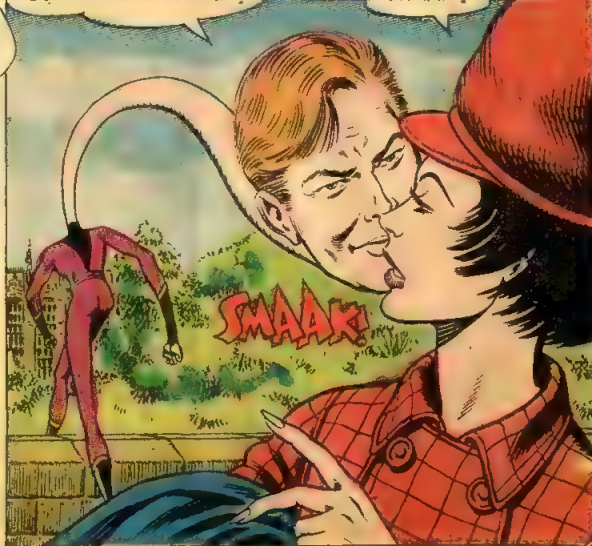
--SO I CAN GET GOING IN MY ELONGATED MAN COSTUME UNDERNEATH!



MOMENTS LATER, THE **DUCTILE DETECTIVE** STRETCHES OUT A LEG TOWARD THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS...

GRAB A TAXI, DEAR--GET DRESSED--AND I'LL SEE YOU AT THE THEATRE!

REMEMBER--YOU'RE DUE ON STAGE--8 O'CLOCK SHARP!



QUICKLY, HE CLAMBERS UP
THE WORLD RENOWNED
CLOCK TOWER, WHERE ...

FIRST OFF--
I'LL TURN
THE CLOCK
HANDS
AHEAD...

EH--
SOMEONE
SHOOTING
AIR GUN
PELLETS
AT ME!

OH-HO! A
BUNCH OF
MODS!

GO HOME,
YANK!

YOU'RE OFF OUR
WAVE-LENGTH!

MODS-- BRITISH LADS WHO
FANCY THEMSELVES **MODERN**--
WHO WEAR FAR-OUT CLOTHES
AND RIDE **SCOOTERS**!
I WAS HOPING TO COME
ACROSS THEM-- BUT
NOT UNDER **SUCH**
CIRCUMSTANCES!

RING!

RING!

SO IT WAS YOU **MODS**
WHO TURNED BACK
BIG BEN?

WE SURE DID,
YANK! WE'RE
GOING TO GET
H'AWAY WITH
H'IT, TOO!

WE'RE ON
OUR WAY,
NOW!
TA, TA!

HOLD IT! I'M JUST
CURIOUS ENOUGH
TO WANT TO
KNOW **WHY**--

THAT'S FOR **US**
TO KNOW-- **YOU**
TO FIND OUT--

'E'S LIKE A
RUDDY
RUBBER BAND!

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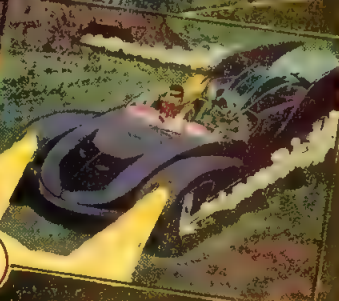
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COUPON
TODAY!**

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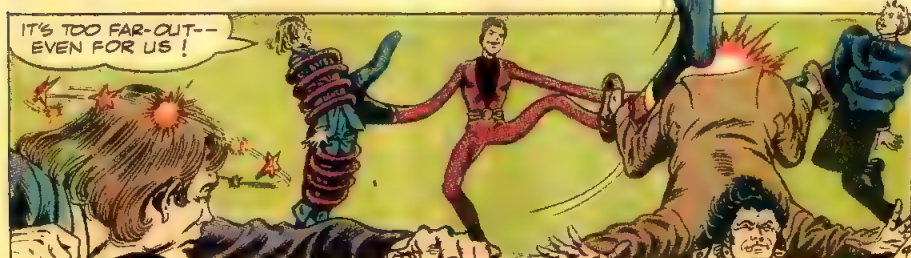
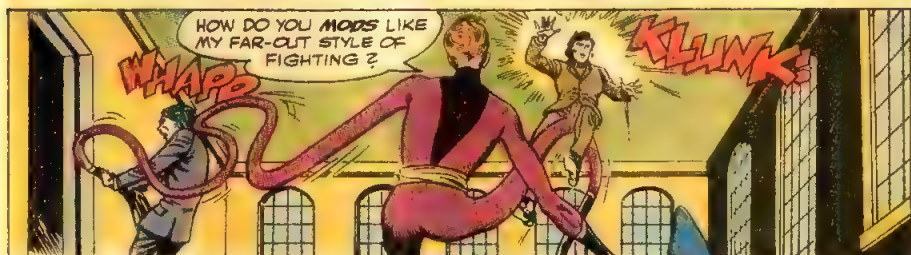
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THEIR MANY
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WITH THEIR
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THE
ROCKERS--
LEAP TO
THE
ATTACK...

I GOT 'IS
'AND
PINNED TO THE
WALL!

HE WON'T USE THIS
LEG FOR A BIT WHEN
I'M DONE MAULING
IT!



MOMENTS
AFTERWARD,
THE DIS-
COMFITED
MODS ARE
LIFTED TO
THEIR
FEET AS...

HERE, NOW!
WHAT'S ALL THE
RUCKUS ABOUT?

IT'S ALL OVER, OFFICER!
THE BOYS ARE GIVING
THEMSELVES UP--
RIGHT?

YOU'RE RUDDY WELL RIGHT,
YANK! WE'VE HAD IT!

THIS MEANS WE'VE
LOST THE CONTEST!

THEY'LL BEAT H'US
FOR SURE, ON
THIS ONE!

WHAT'S THAT?
WHO'LL BEAT
YOU? WHAT'S
THIS ABOUT A
CONTEST?

SAY...THE **ROCKERS** ARE
YOUR FOES! IF YOU WERE
TRYING TO OUT-DO
ANYONE, THEY'RE
INVOLVED IN THE
CAPER! YOU **MODS**
MADE **BIG BEN** RUN
BACKWARDS! WHAT
ARE THE **ROCKERS**
UP TO?

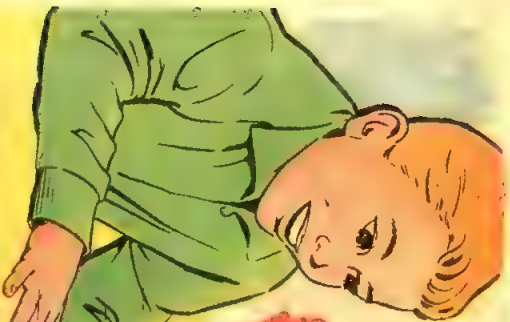
IT'S NONE OF YOUR
AFFAIR, YANK! WE AIN'T
RATTIN' -- EVEN ON THE
ROCKERS!

I SUPPOSE HE'S RIGHT! IT
ISN'T MY AFFAIR! BUT--
JUST THE SAME--I WONDER
WHAT THE **ROCKERS** ARE UP
TO? IT'S GOT TO INVOLVE A
FAMILIAR LONDON LANDMARK,
LIKE **BIG BEN**? THE **DOME OF
ST. PAUL'S**? THE **WESTMINSTER
ABBEY**? **TOWER OF
LONDON**--?

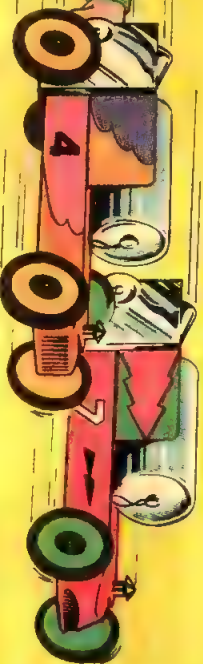
NO--ALL OF THEM
ARE TOO WELL
GUARDED! BUT HOW
ABOUT **LONDON
BRIDGE**? ARE
THEY PLANNING TO
MAKE THE OLD
SONG "LONDON
BRIDGE IS FALLING
DOWN" COME TRUE--?

OR--ARE THEY THINKING
OF MAKING **LONDON
BRIDGE** "FALL UP"
THE WAY THE **MODS**
MADE **BIG BEN** RUN
BACKWARDS? WHAT
A TERRIBLE PRANK TO
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TIME, WITH HIS
HUNDRED-YARD-
LONG STRIDES,
TO REACH
LONDON
BRIDGE...

THE **ROCKERS** WON THEIR NAME FROM
THEIR TASTE FOR **ROCK 'N' ROLL**
RHYTHMS ! THEY WEAR BLACK
LEATHER JACKETS AND HEAVY
BOOTS -- AND PREFER MOTOR-
CYCLES TO THE **MODS'** SCOOTERS !
I DON'T SEE ANY OF -- UHH-OH !

THE DRAWBRIDGE IS GOING UP --
RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
RUSH HOUR ! BUT WHERE ARE
THE CULPRITS -- ?

AS IF IN ANSWER, THE **ROCKERS** RIDE
INTO VIEW...

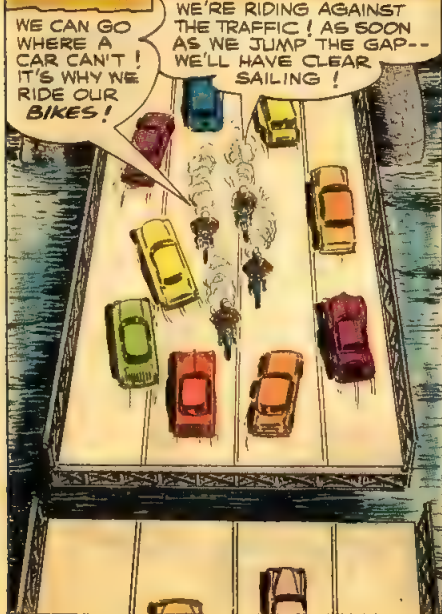
WE CAN GO
WHERE A
CAR CAN'T !
IT'S WHY WE
RIDE OUR
BIKES !

WE'RE RIDING AGAINST
THE TRAFFIC ! AS SOON
AS WE JUMP THE GAP --
WE'LL HAVE CLEAR
SAILING !

UP THEY GO -- LIKE SWALLOWS IN FLIGHT...

GOR BLIMEY !
THE **MODS**
DON'T HAVE
THE NERVE
TO TRY SOME-
THING LIKE
THIS !

THE **BOBBIES** WON'T LET
US FIGHT THE **MODS** -- SO
WE'RE HAVING A CONTEST
TO PROVE WHO'S BETTER
AND MORE NERVIER !



WE MET WITH THE
MODS UNDER A TRUCE
AND AGREED TO THE
BIG BEN AND LONDON
BRIDGE STUNTS! BUT
YOU GOT TO GET AWAY
WITH IT TO GET
CREDIT!

ONE MAN ALONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THE **ROCKERS** IN
SIGHT--AND FOLLOW THEM AT THE SAME TIME...

THE ONLY WAY OFF **TOWER
BRIDGE ROAD!** IS ALONG **TOWER
BRIDGE ROAD!** BY
ANTICIPATING THEIR
MOVE--I GOT HERE
AHEAD OF THE **ROCKERS**
TO LAY A TRAP FOR THEM!

TWO TIRES HIT THE
ELONGATED MAN'S
WIRE-THIN MIDDLE
STRETCHED TAUT
BETWEEN TREEBOLES...

NOW FOR A
BURN-UP*
AND GET
SAFELY
AWAY--
AWWWPPP!

EEEOW! WHERE'D
THAT ROPE COME
FROM?

* **ROCKER SLANG FOR A FAST MOTORCYCLE RIDE.**

HIS ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THE FALLING **ROCKERS**, THE **ELONGATED MAN** FAILS
TO SEE...

WE'RE DOING
THE TON*..!

WE'LL KNOCK 'IM COLD
WHEN WE 'IT 'IM!

* **SPEEDING AT 100 MILES AN HOUR.**

FLUNG SIDE-
WAYS BY THE
CONTACT, THE
DUCTILE
DETECTIVE
FINDS HIM-
SELF THE
TARGET OF...

TURN AND
RUN OVER
'IM !

TEACH THE BLOOMIN'
YANK TO MIND 'IS
MANNERS !

BRR-UPP! BRR-UPPP!

FEET SPREAD
WIDE--AS
THEY DO WHEN
THEY CONFRONT
THE RIVAL
MODES ON
THEIR
SCOOTERS--
THE ROCKERS
DO A BURN-UP..

'ERE'S WHERE
WE GIVE 'IM
WHAT-FOR !

BRACE YOURSELF
FOR THE BOOTS,
YANK !

BRRR-LZZMM

HA, HA, HA!

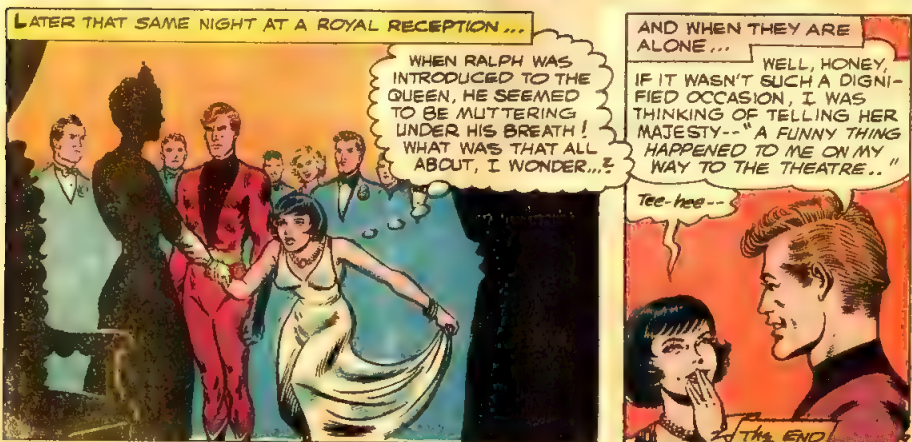
THWAPP

IN ALL THE EXCITEMENT, I
FORGOT ABOUT THE TIME !
I'M DUE ON STAGE IN TEN
MINUTES ! I'LL HAVE TO
WRAP THIS UP FAST...

ZWAKK

I "RODE" WITH THEIR
PUNCHES AS THE ROCKERS
RODE PAST ME ! NOW TO
REACH OUT...

BRRRRR-MMMM



BATMAN'S HOT-LINE EXTRA

DEAR READER:

Why BATMAN'S HOT-LINE—EXTRA? In journalistic jargon, "extra" signifies an edition of a newspaper other than the *regular* edition—and so it is with this EXTRA—in which are featured communications above and beyond the sphere of critical comments usually presented in BATMAN'S HOT-LINE.

For this first EXTRA we've selected some letters conveniently at hand—it's the best we could do on such short notice. This department will be as good as only you make it. Therefore we're extending an invitation to you—and you—and especially YOU—to make this page your own by sending in something of special interest to your fellow fans.

It's your right to write, *Batmaniacs*—so don't miff out on this EXTRA chance to break into print! Address BATMAN'S HOT-LINE—EXTRA, National Periodical Publications, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y., 10022.—*Editor*

DEAR EDITOR:

I've just finished reading the November *Detective Comics*, and I must say it registered a far more favorable impression than did the previous issue. In fact, with each succeeding mag wherein *Batman* combats *ordinary foes*, I become more and more convinced that this character is enjoying the best days he has ever known. In connection with this, I understand (through the lettercol) that another costumed villain is to be introduced in the next issue—the *Spellbinder*.

Really, sir, must you? *Batman* already has the *Joker*, the *Riddler*, the *Catwoman*, *Poison Ivy*, the *Cluemaster*, the *Penguin*, not to mention a different masquerader in every program of the TV series. Notwithstanding that *Batman* is not really suited to a barrage of these sartorial criminals, their sheer number will soon force the bloom off the rose. No amount of originality of story or plot will salvage them. The story in this issue—"Bruce Wayne Unmasks *Batman*"—proves conclusively how much more successful the *Caped Crusader* is among an element of, as one fan put it, "thoroughly evil villains," who would just as soon mercilessly gun down a teenager or a helpless man as not. *Batman* rose to fame not on the wings of the *Joker* and his costumed cronies, but through excruciating contests with die-hard gangsters, spies, racketeers, and petty crooks. Let's bring them back for good!

Mind you, I'm not opposed to costumed villains. Quite the contrary, I'm an avid fan of them in the right situations, with the right heroes, and in the right dosage. *Flash* gets along fine with them (though even he does quite well with the more average criminals); *Green Lantern* is great battling them; even *Hawkman* fares well with

them. And so can *Batman*. An occasional *Joker* yarn is very enjoyable; the recent *Cluemaster* effort was brilliant; the *Poison Ivy* tales were most refreshing. But a steady diet of them will only lead straight to boredom—already it has begun. Was the recent *Joker* story featuring his new stooge *Gaggy* that good? Was not the *Grasshopper* gang ludicrous? And if the last *Riddler* showing was good, was it not also forced?

Granted a costumed villain on a cover will sell more copies, but which stands out as the better story: "The Secret War of the Phantom General" or "The *Joker's* Original Robberies"?—

Paul Seydor, *Imperial, Pa.*

(You see, it's this way. Just when we're about persuaded that we've overdone costumed criminality, along comes just as plaintive a letter that swings our thoughts the other way. Take heed at the pointed plea that follows.—*Editor*)

DEAR EDITOR:

Since I am very abrupt and do not believe in beating around the bush, I will come straight to the point. I am tired of *Batman* wasting his abilities on gun-happy crooks who lack humor and a crime-gimmick. My father saved 13 issues of *Batman* from the '50's and I must say I spent many wonderful hours reading of the *Joker* and his comedy capers. But it seems that with the coming of the *New Look*, you did away with the *Joker*, *Catwoman* and my favorite, the *Penguin*!

I am well aware that two years ago you had a *Joker* story, and recently a *Riddler* yarn, but these are so few and far between that they're soon forgotten. Now the only link we golden (villain) age fans have to cherish our favorites by is the TV show, the *80-Page Giants* and the paperback books.

So please have more costumed villain stories! Please don't answer this with a wisecrack, because it is not a funny subject and also because I think most fans agree with me. And so, fellow fans, it's up to us to cast our votes to bring back our favorites—the more often the better!

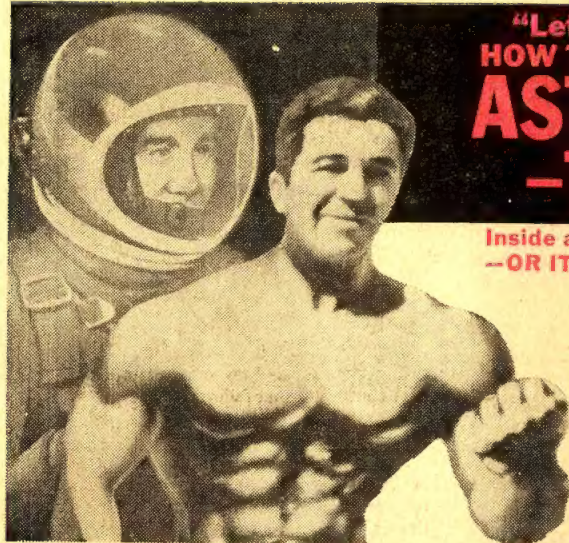
—Tom Tanner, *Richmond, Va.*

(How about it, readers? You have this EXTRA column for the support of your views.—*Editor*)

DEAR EDITOR:

In Funk & Wagnall's Standard Dictionary, I looked up these names: Dick, Robin, Bruce, Alfred and Harriet. I found that Dick means strong king; Robin means bright fame; Alfred means wise; Harriet means home ruler; and Bruce means original. And no one could be as original as *Batman*. To me, the names fit the characters perfectly.

—Laurie Sutton, *Beaumont, Texas.*



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UGLY FAT
4 inches off my WAIST!"**



says Felipe Mendez

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ME'S is YOU?**

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MACHINE GUNS... THEY
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MEDALS TO WEAR ON
THEIR CHESTS.

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COMMANDOS WITH THEIR STEN SUB-
MACHINE GUNS AND VICTORIA CROSS
MEDALS.

WHAT'S THAT
AREA, ANDY?

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AND THESE FOREIGN
SOLDIERS ARE FRENCH
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THEIR RADIO SETS AND
MAS MACHINE GUNS?

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FLAKES... IS THE SNOW-COVERED RUSSIAN
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